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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE**

MS Amendment  
COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS  
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action, dated August 22, 2006, please amend the above-identified application as follows.

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 4 of this paper.